

Saline County

County Seat: Marshall

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,108	906	22.3%	18.1%	↑	16.5%	39
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,030	870	19.1%	16.5%	↑	15.4%	48
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	130	109	9.1%	8.7%	↑	8.8%	81
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	45	24	8.5	4.6	↑	5.0	62
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	42	17	7.9	3.3	↑	3.6	87
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	10	20.1	12.3	↑	17.0	18
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	27	37	5.2	7.1	↓	3.0	97
Education							
High school graduation	213	242	89.5%	88.0%	↓	90.8%	105
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	77	—	30.0		41.4%	108
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	83	—	30.9		44.9%	109
4th grade math (MAP)	—	61	—	23.7		36.8%	110
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	16	—	7.0		26.8%	112

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	22,660	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	50.4
	2020	23,289		2022	17.3
Child population under 18	2017	5,183	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	15.7%
	2021	5,190		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.6
	2021	22.3%		2021	94.3
Child population under 6	2017	1,632	Family & Community		
	2021	1,546	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	45.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.2%		2017-2021	0.0
	2021	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	17.6%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	1,348		2017-2021	9.1%
	2021	1,554	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	44.6
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	26.0%		2021	40.3
	2021	29.9%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.5%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	460		2021	2.7%
	2021	483	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	2.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	28.2%		2021	3.1
	2021	31.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	34.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	7.7
	2017-2021	14.9%		2017-2021	7.9
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	65.2%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	7.5
	2017-2021	69.5%		2017-2021	8.1
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children in poverty under 6	2017	30.1%		2017-2021	9.9
	2021	18.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	47.6
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	20.4%		2017-2021	0.0
	2017-2021	17.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	25.4%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	23.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	22.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	48.2%		2016-2020	24*
	2017-2021	32.6%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	98.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	37.2%		2016-2020	118.1
	2021	31.3%	Uninsured children	2016	5.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$42,422		2020	9.2%
	2017-2021	\$66,917	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.1%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.7%		2021	92.7%
	2021	3.5%			
Child homelessness	2017	10.4%			
	2021	3.7%			

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).